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Sabotage acts 'being contained'

THE latest acts of violence and sabotage in Bahrain are being contained, said Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala yesterday.

In an interview on Egyptian television, he said the situation would be brought under control and the trouble overcome within the one-family spirit and through the joint understanding and co-operation and sense of responsibility that all had towards the country.

Mr Al Sho'ala described the incidents as limited and alien to Bahrain society and said they would not last for long. He said the situation in Bahrain was stable.

The minister expressed regret over exag-

gerations by the media in portraying the situation in Bahrain. He said that arson, damage to private property and then killing of innocent people were all acts which were alien to Bahrain society and stressed that these acts would be contained and eradicated.

Mr Al Sho'ala added that Bahrain was a leading financial, commercial and investment centre in the region whose role was growing. Commercial and investment activities are going on normally, he said.

The minister described Bahraini-Egyptian relations as distinguished and deep-rooted, and said he was looking forward to

developing aspects of bilateral co-operation.

Mr Al Sho'ala said that 22 Bahrain labour leaders were attending a training seminar at an Egyptian university and he would discuss developing social services and welfare co-operation with Egyptian Insurance and Social Affairs Minister Dr Amal Othman.

Referring to the Arab labour ministers' meeting currently being held in Cairo, Mr Al Sho'ala said the most important subject to be discussed was how best to absorb young people into a country's economic activities and find them jobs. He added that all countries suffered from unemployment problems and training was the best way to overcome this.